

# CSD Helps Low-Income Families Manage and Reduce Energy Costs

2007

Low-income households spend a large share of their limited income on energy:

Percent of Income U.S. Families Spend on Energy:	3.5%
Percent of Income <b>Low-Income</b> Families Spend on Energy:	14%

The California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) helps low-income Californians manage and reduce energy costs. Part of the assistance offered by CSD is for emergencies—helping families who are in financial crisis pay a utility bill. Another part of the assistance helps reduce bills in the long term by installing weatherization measures to make low-income households more energy-efficient. These services are paid for with federal funds from two programs: LIHEAP (the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) and the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program.

2007 LIHEAP Grant	\$96,531,487
2007 DOE Grant	\$5,624,334
Households Receiving Energy Assistance from CSD	241,663

The **LIHEAP Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** provides a direct payment to a low-income client's utility bill to help offset the cost of heating/cooling their home.

Number of Households Served by HEAP	134,903
Average Energy Payment:	\$273

The **LIHEAP Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)** provides assistance to low-income households who are in a crisis situation, such as those having received a notice to disconnect or terminate service, or those having an energy-related crisis or life-threatening emergency.

Number of Households Served by ECIP	70,391
Average Energy Payment:	\$516

Funds for **Weatherization Assistance** come from both LIHEAP and DOE. The programs provide weather-stripping, insulation, caulking, water heater blankets, refrigerator replacement, heating/cooling system repairs, and compact fluorescent lamps to make dwellings more energy efficient, thereby reducing energy usage/costs, while safeguarding the health and safety of the household.

Number of Homes Weatherized	36,369
Average Annual Savings	\$358